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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FOLLOW-UP ON PROXIMITY TALKS

REFS: (A) LUSAKA 528; (B) STATE 43983  
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1. IN ANTICIPATION OF QUESTIONS REGARDING BOTHA'S "WALKOUT"  
ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD ADD FOLLOWING POINTS TO DEMARCHE  
ON NAMIBIA TALKS UNLESS IT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE 1) WE  
ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE BOTHA'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS RETURNING  
TO SOUTH AFRICA TO OBTAIN UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS; 2) THE  
WESTERN FIVE WERE FIRM AND UNITED IN THEIR PRESENTATION,

HEWING CLOSELY TO THE TERMS OF THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT PRESENTED TO ZAMBIA PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE PROXIMITY TALKS;

(3) WE DO NOT

VIEW BOTHA'S "WALKOUT" AS ENDING THE TALKS OR THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. IN FACT WE HAVE CONTINUED TO HOLD LOWER-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA IN ORDER TO FURTHER CLARIFY POSITIONS AND TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE NEW YORK TALKS.

2. FOR LUSAKA: DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT QUESTION OF UN MONITORING OF SWAPO FORCES IN ZAMBIA DURING THE NAMIBIA TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. HOWEVER, PER STATE 38241, YOU WILL NOTE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE INFORMED SECRETARY FEBRUARY 13 IN NEW YORK THAT ZAMBIA COULD NOT AGREE TO SUCH MONITORING. IN ADDITION SWAPO WAS OPPOSED TO UN MONITORING OF ANY OF ITS FORCES OUTSIDE NAMIBIA. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW STRONGLY EITHER SWAPO OR ZAMBIA (OR ANGOLA) WILL ADHERE TO THIS POSITION. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT UN MONITORING OF EXTERNAL SWAPO FORCES WILL BE A NECESSARY COMPONENT OF ANY NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY FIND APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH ZAMBIANS AGAIN. (PER PARA 4 OF STATE 43983.) VANCE

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